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In re patent application

Applicant: Miyamoto et al. : Art Unit: 1774
Serial No.: 08/861,943 : Examiner: Merrick Dixon
Filed: May 22, 1997 :
Title: OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM AND METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 1998.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I (claims 43-49),

Group II (claim 50), and
Group III (claim 51).

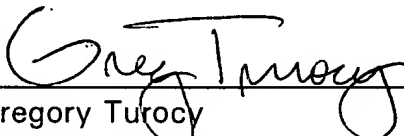
Applicants elect Group I (claims 43-49) and claim 56 without traverse for prosecution in this application. It is pointed out that pending claim 56 was not placed in one the three groups of claims. Since claim 56 is dependent from claim 43, it is believed that claim 56 is within Group I. If, for some reason, claim 56 is not placed in Group I, then election is made of Group I (claims 43-49).

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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